

IV. LEAD WITH THE END IN MIND

⁸ *"There is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who have loved his appearing."*
II Timothy 4:8

A. Finishers don't just start well; they stay faithful.

¹ *"... let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."*
Hebrews 12:1b-2

B. Your reward isn't here; it's coming.

¹⁰ *"Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer... Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."*
Revelation 2:10

BUILT TO LAST: Living With The End In Mind Pastor Gary Moritz

Introduction:

A. Have you ever started something with enthusiasm but never followed through? You felt passionate at the beginning. But somewhere along the way, challenges arose, distractions took over, energy waned, and you never crossed the finish line.

⁶ *"So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude."*
Colossians 2:6-7

In this talk, we will bridge the gap between knowing about Jesus and genuinely committing to following Him long-term.

B. We live in a world full of starters...But God is looking for finishers!

C. TEXT 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (CSB)

Today's Takeaway

The best leaders don't just start strong - they finish faithful.

CONCLUSION:

**WHICH AREAS IN YOUR LIFE DO YOU NEED TO
ADJUST TO FINISH FAITHFUL?**

HOW TO MOVE FROM KNOWING JESUS TO FOLLOWING JESUS

I. FUEL YOUR PASSION WITH PURPOSE

⁶ *"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close."* II Timothy 4:6

A. Purpose makes the sacrifice worth it.

¹ *"...present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship."*

Romans 12:1b

B. Passion isn't loud, its loyal.

⁹ *"But his message becomes a fire burning in my heart, shut up in my bones. I become tired of holding it in, and I cannot prevail."*

Jeremiah 20:9

II. BE CONSISTENT WHEN ITS NOT CONVENIENT

⁷ *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."*

II Timothy 4:7

A. Consistency is more powerful than intensity.

¹⁰ *"Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and whoever is unrighteous in very little is also unrighteous in much."*

Luke 16:10

B. God sees what others don't celebrate.

"...Your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Matthew 6:6b

III. FIGHT THE RIGHT FIGHT

⁷ *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."*

II Timothy 4:7

A. Not every battle is your assignment.

¹² *"Our struggle is not against flesh and blood..."*

Ephesians 6:12a

B. A "good fight" advances the kingdom.

¹⁴ *"Remember the great and awe-inspiring Lord, and fight for your countrymen, your sons and daughters, your wives and homes."*

Nehemiah 4:14